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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/049,469	Applicant(s) DANIELE ET AL.	
	Examiner Edith M. Chang	Art Unit 2637	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 June 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The block pertaining elements 20, 24, and 30 in Figure need to have descriptive labels, in conformance with 37 CFR 1.84(n) and 1.84(o). For example, a descriptive label of "counting and addressing means" should be inserted into element 20; "synchronization input" to element 24 and "sequences table" to element 30 of Figure to properly describe elements 20, 24 and 30.

Specification

2. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract should be limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet, the "means (20)" should be changed to such as "element (20)" or equivalent, and the last line "Single figure" should be deleted.

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3. For the formality of the application under the present office practice, applicant(s) is required to replace "Claims" with "I or We Claim". "The Invention Claimed Is" (or the equivalent) before the Claims part of the specification of the instant application. See MPEP 608.01(m).

Claim Objections

4. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, line 1: "generator" should be "A generator"; line 19: "this address" should be "the address"; line 20: "a symbol" is suggested changing to "each symbol"; line 23: "a set" should be "the set"; line 24: "this table" should be "the sequences table"; line 27: "one set among L" should be "one set among the L blocks"; line 28: "one sequence among S in this" should be "one sequence among the S sequences in the one set".

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest, alone or in a combination, among other things, at least a generator of repetitive sets of spreading sequences as a whole, the combination of elements and features, which includes the means counting the

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number of received symbols and forming an address comprising two parts, wherein the first part composed of the number of bits in each symbol to address one block of a sequence table, and a second part composed of the number $= \log_2 S$ to address one sequence of the S sequences contained in the block of the sequence table as recited in the claim.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US 6,452,959 B1 by McDonough describes a sequence generator in FIG.11 with memories (table) addressed by outputs of binary counters with offset values (to adders 1106) and desire shifts.

EP 0720327 A2 by O'Regan describes a look-up table addressed by the output of the binary counter and the register.

8. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: listed in this Office action.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

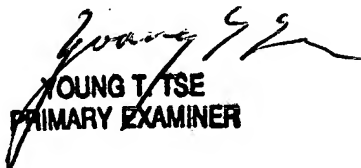
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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edith M. Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-3041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay K. Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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September 22, 2005


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